

**Question for written answer E-002420/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Economic diversification in rural areas through the EAFRD

Article 19 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) provides for measures and aid to start up non-agricultural business activities in rural areas (Article 19(1)(a)(ii)) and investment in the creation and development of non-agricultural activities (Article 19(1)(b)).

- 1) Can the Commission provide figures showing how much each EU Member State and region will receive from the EAFRD for these measures and aid, and what percentage of EAFRD resources these represent?
- 2) Does the Commission believe this EAFRD funding will be sufficient to overcome the serious demographic and economic stagnation problems increasingly present in rural areas by offering job and entrepreneurship opportunities suitable for young people and women, especially in sparsely populated areas of the EU that suffer from severe and permanent demographic handicaps?